1	2	3	4	5
26.	Uttaranchal	3	1412.93	1125.56
27.	Uttar Pradesh	7	1037.43	825.19
28.	West Bengal	5	480.04	384.03
29.	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0.00	0.00
30.	Chandigarh	1	457.00	365.60
31.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0	0.00	0.00
32.	Delhi	1	500.00	400.00
33.	Daman & Diu	0	0.00	0.00
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0.00	0.00
35.	Pondicherry	2	451.00	360.00
	TOTAL	130	32784.16	25320.26

Pilgrim centres in Uttaranchal

†138. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to identify some pilgrim centres and develop them from tourist point of view; and

(b) if so, the names of such centres identified in Uttaranchal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Identification and development of tourism destinations/sities/pilgrim centres is a continuous process. The Ministry of Tourism in close coordination with the State Governments identifies such sites for infrastructural development.

(b) The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the Integrated Development of Badrinath Dham Travel Circuit for an amount of Rs. 702.09 lakh out of which Rs. 561.67 lakh has been released to the State of Uttaranchal during 2004-05. This is one of the four projects sanctioned to the State during this year.

Measures to boost tourism industry

139. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an increase in the tourists inflow and foreign exchange earning;

(b) if so, the details in this regard for the last three years with number of overseas tourists visiting India and foreign exchange earned during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the recent Tsunami has adversely affected the tourism industry in the country; and

(d) if so, what measures are proposed to be taken to build the confidence of the visiting tourists and invigorating the tourism industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Foreign tourist arrivals and foreign exchange earnings through tourism during the last 3 years are as follows:

Year	Foreign Tourist Arrivals (Numbers)	Foreign Exchanges Earnings (Rs. in crore)
2002	2384364	14195
2003	2726214	16429
2004*	3367980	21828

*Provisional.

(c) the Tsunami tragedy has had minimal impact on tourism infrastructure and resources in the country and there have been no reports of any major cancellations of tourist visits to the country due to the Tsunami.

(d) The image of India as a safe destination for travel is being reinforced by the India tourism offices overseas through the media and travel trade and promotional activities being organized in the tourist generating markets.